

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multiple-beam scanning device comprising:

a light source unit comprising a plurality of light sources;

a deflector configured to deflect, in a main scanning direction, light beams emitted  
issuing from said plurality of light sources;

optics configured to condense the light beams deflected by said deflector with an optical device having power in ~~[[the]]~~ a subscanning direction and an optical device having power in a main scanning direction in such a manner as to establish a preselected beam spot diameter, and to return an optical path with at least one mirror for thereby scanning a subject surface; and

an adjusting device configured to provide ~~means for providing~~, in a plane formed by scanning lines deflected by said deflector, one of said optical devices with  $\alpha$  eccentricity about a center of an optical axis in a direction of said optical axis.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of said optical devices is provided with~~ said adjusting device is further configured to adjust a position of said one of said optical devices ~~means capable of moving~~ in parallel to the direction of the optical axis in the plane formed by the scanning lines.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said one of said optical devices ~~device~~ comprises said optical device having power in the subscanning direction.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said adjusting device ~~[[means]]~~ assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 5 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises a transparent member.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said adjusting device ~~[[means]]~~ assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said one of said optical devices ~~device~~ comprises said optical device having power in the subscanning direction.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said adjusting device ~~[[means]]~~ assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 9 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises a transparent member.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said adjusting device ~~[[means]]~~ assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image carrier;  
optical writing means for forming a latent image on said image carrier;  
developing means for developing the latent image to thereby produce a corresponding toner image;  
image transferring means for transferring the toner image from said image carrier to a recording medium either directly or indirectly via an intermediate image transfer body; and  
fixing means for fixing the toner image on the recording medium, ~~[[;]]~~  
said optical writing means comprising a multiple-beam scanning device comprising:  
a light source unit comprising a plurality of light sources;  
a deflector configured to deflect, in a main scanning direction, light beams ~~issuing~~ emitted from said plurality of light sources;  
optics configured to condense the light beams deflected by said deflector with an optical device having power in ~~[[the]]~~ a subscanning direction and an optical device having power in a main scanning direction in such a manner as to implement a preselected beam spot diameter, and to turn back an optical path with at least one mirror for thereby scanning a surface of said image carrier; and  
adjusting means for providing, in a plane formed by scanning lines deflected by said deflector, one of said optical devices with  $\alpha$  eccentricity about a center of an optical axis in a direction of said optical axis.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~one of said optical devices is provided with~~ said adjusting means capable of moving said one of said optical devices in parallel to the direction of the optical axis in the plane formed by the scanning lines.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein said one of said optical devices ~~device~~ comprises said optical device having power in the subscanning direction.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said adjusting means assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises a transparent member.

Claim 16 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein said adjusting means assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said one of said optical devices ~~device~~ comprises said optical device having power in the subscanning direction.

Claim 18 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said adjusting means assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.

Claim 19 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises a transparent member.

Claim 20 (Original): The apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein said adjusting means assigned to said optical device having power in the subscanning direction comprises rotatable eccentric cams positioned at opposite ends of said optical device.